

Nursing Home Oversight Working Group Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2018

Members:

Monica Hutt Pam Cota Lindsay Gillette Steve Monde Sean Londergan Laura Pelosi Diane Novak
 Judy Morton

Staff: Camille George Candace Morgan Stuart Schurr Liz Perreault

Members of the Public: Andrew Bachand

Invited Guests: Toby Howe

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions- Review and approval of minutes from September 26, 2018	Candace Morgan asked if there were any changes needed to be made to the September 26 minutes. No changes were needed.	September 26 minutes were passed as written.
Review and Discuss Transfer Requirements from Other States	<p>It is important to review what the legislature is asking for from this working group. By doing this, the working group can stay focused on what is being asked. The legislation reads: “Sec. 1. NURSING HOME OVERSIGHT WORKING GROUP; REPORT (a) Creation. There is created the Nursing Home Oversight Working Group to examine the oversight of nursing homes in Vermont, including financial stability and licensing criteria, in order to ensure the provision of high-quality services and a safe and stable environment for nursing home residents.”</p> <p>Laura Pelosi and Toby Howe gathered information from other states that have the transfer of ownership as part of the state’s licensing. Looking at the different states is helpful but It’s a moving target. Currently, there are several states that are looking at their own processes and are changing legislation to better reflect what is needed.</p> <p>Laura and Toby also presented a draft proposal for “Review of Transfer of Ownership” based on the information that is already in place with the AHS interim transfer of ownership process and the information that was gathered from the other states.</p>	<p>The idea of separating the financial and quality considerations during the transfer/licensing process makes sense as something to explore.</p> <p>A smaller working group will review the proposal and come back with recommended changes.</p> <p>The feedback will be gathered and shared prior to the next meeting in order for people to have the opportunity to review.</p>

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Licensing Options and Considerations	Connecticut's provisional licensing process requires a nurse consultant in the facility on site to meet with staff, report out and be on hand to respond immediately with modification and improvement plans. Vermont could consider this model but would have to consider having owners hire a consultant that is funded by the owners but is approved by the state.	Connecticut has a research report worth looking at. Pam Cota is willing to walk through it with group.
	If Vermont is going to have provisional licensing as an option, the criteria will have to be very clear which owners would fall under a provisional license.	
Review Consensus Proposals re: cash flow projections and necessary level of detail	Lindsay Gillette and Andy Bachand were to present the proposal for cash flow projections and how many years, if any, should be required from the owners by the state.	This discussion has been tabled until next meeting in order to have more time to consider a proposal.
